

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on September 5, 2007  
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Greg Lind (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 9/3/2007

Executive Action: SB 1

HEARING ON SB 1

00:00:01

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 SEN. DAVE WANZENRIED (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 1. Removing the durational limit on an emergency relating to a fire that is declared during the months of July through October.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:21 Adjutant General Randy Mosley, Director, Montana Department of Military Affairs

00:12:34 Mary Sexton, Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:45 Sen. Keith Bales to Adjutant General Mosley

00:24:30 Sen. Rick Laible to Sen. Wanzenried rereferred to Dan McGowan, Director, Montana Disaster and Emergency Management Services

00:30:51 Sen. Laible to Sen. Wanzenried

00:33:18 Sen. Laible to Adjutant General Mosley

00:37:47 Sen. Steve Gallus to Adjutant General Mosley

00:41:04 Sen. Corey Stapleton to Sen. Wanzenried

00:48:19 Sen. John Cobb to Adjutant General Mosley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:36 Sen. Wanzenried

00:54:46 Recess

01:35:24 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

01:35:34 Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 1 DO PASS.

01:35:47 Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved to amend SB 1 with amendment #SB000101.AGP.

EXHIBIT(fcs02a01)

01:36:21 Vote: Motion that amendment #SB000101.AGP BE APPROVED carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:36:29 Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

01:36:38 Motion: SEN. COBB moved to further amend SB 1 with a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

Discussion:

01:37:10 Sen. Wanzenried

01:37:42 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Cobb

01:38:15 Sen. Wanzenried

01:38:37 Vote: Motion that the CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT BE APPROVED carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:38:52 Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:39:29 Sen. Wanzenried

01:40:34 Sen. Mike Cooney

01:40:48 Sen. Stapleton

01:42:56 Sen. Bales

01:45:23 Sen. Wanzenried

01:46:47 Sen. Cooney

01:49:03 Sen. Dan Weinberg

01:50:18 Sen. Gallus

01:52:06 Sen. Carol Williams

01:53:38 Sen. Laible

01:57:03 Sen. Greg Lind

01:57:55 Sen. Laible to Sen. Lind

01:58:47 **Vote: Motion that SB 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 12-7 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. STAPLETON, and SEN. TASH voting no.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

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SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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